

**Senate File 334 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act repealing energy conservation requirements for new  
2 construction.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 103A.7, subsection 2, paragraph f, Code  
2 2023, is amended by striking the paragraph.

3 Sec. 2. Section 103A.8, subsection 7, Code 2023, is amended  
4 by striking the subsection.

5 Sec. 3. Section 103A.10, subsections 4 and 5, Code 2023, are  
6 amended by striking the subsections.

7 Sec. 4. Section 103A.10A, subsections 1 and 2, Code 2023,  
8 are amended to read as follows:

9 1. All newly constructed buildings or structures subject to  
10 the state building code, including any addition, but excluding  
11 any renovation or repair of such a building or structure, owned  
12 by the state or an agency of the state, except as provided in  
13 subsection 2, shall be subject to a plan review and inspection  
14 by the commissioner or an independent building inspector  
15 appointed by the commissioner. Any renovation or repair  
16 of such a building or structure shall be subject to a plan  
17 review, except as provided in subsection 2. A fee shall be  
18 assessed for the cost of plan review, and, if applicable, the  
19 cost of inspection. ~~The commissioner may inspect an existing  
20 building that is undergoing renovation or remodeling to enforce  
21 the energy conservation requirements established under this  
22 chapter.~~

23 2. All newly constructed buildings, including any addition,  
24 but excluding any renovation or repair of a building, owned by  
25 the state board of regents shall be subject to a plan review  
26 and inspection by the commissioner or the commissioner's  
27 staff or assistant. A renovation of a building owned by the  
28 state board of regents shall be subject to a plan review.  
29 ~~The commissioner may inspect an existing building that is  
30 undergoing renovation or remodeling to enforce the energy  
31 conservation requirements established under this chapter.~~ The  
32 commissioner and the state board of regents shall develop a  
33 plan to implement this provision.

34 Sec. 5. Section 103A.19, subsection 1, Code 2023, is amended  
35 to read as follows:

1 1. The examination and approval or disapproval of plans  
2 and specifications, the issuance and revocation of building  
3 permits, licenses, certificates, and similar documents, the  
4 inspection of buildings or structures, and the administration  
5 and enforcement of building regulations shall be the  
6 responsibility of the governmental subdivisions of the  
7 state and shall be administered and enforced in the manner  
8 prescribed by local law or ordinance. All provisions of  
9 law relating to the administration and enforcement of local  
10 building regulations in any governmental subdivision shall be  
11 applicable to the administration and enforcement of the state  
12 building code in the governmental subdivision. An application  
13 made to a local building department or to a state agency for  
14 permission to construct a building or structure pursuant to the  
15 provisions of the state building code shall, in addition to  
16 any other requirement, be signed by the owner or the owner's  
17 authorized agent, and shall contain the address of the owner,  
18 and a statement that the application is made for permission to  
19 construct in accordance with the provisions of the code. ~~The~~  
20 ~~application shall also specifically include a statement that~~  
21 ~~the construction will be in accordance with all applicable~~  
22 ~~energy conservation requirements.~~

23 Sec. 6. Section 103A.19, subsection 3, Code 2023, is amended  
24 by striking the subsection.

25 Sec. 7. Section 103A.22, subsection 1, Code 2023, is amended  
26 to read as follows:

27 1. Nothing in [this chapter](#) shall be construed as prohibiting  
28 any governmental subdivision from adopting or enacting any  
29 building regulations relating to any building or structure  
30 within its limits, but a governmental subdivision in which  
31 the state building code has been accepted and is applicable  
32 shall not have the power to supersede, void, or repeal or make  
33 more restrictive any of the provisions of [this chapter](#) or of  
34 the rules adopted by the commissioner. ~~This subsection shall~~  
35 ~~not apply to energy conservation requirements adopted by the~~

1 ~~commissioner and approved by the council pursuant to section~~  
2 ~~103A.8A or 103A.10.~~

3 Sec. 8. Section 331.361, subsection 5, paragraph b, Code  
4 2023, is amended by striking the paragraph.

5 Sec. 9. REPEAL. Section 103A.8A, Code 2023, is repealed.

6 EXPLANATION

7 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
8 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

9 This bill repeals a requirement that the state building  
10 code commissioner adopt energy conservation requirements for  
11 new single-family and two-family residential construction.  
12 The bill strikes provisions applying the energy conservation  
13 requirements to other construction in the state and requiring  
14 compliance with energy conservation requirements.